Assistance from Foreign countries to tide over floods

2621. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought assistance from foreign countries who had successfully combated floods to tide over the difficulties similar to those arising out of recurrence of floods every year in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A collaboration project is being executed by the Central Water Commission with the assistance of the Danish Hydraulic Institute which envisages transfer of technology in the Damodar River System. In addition, the Ministry of Water Resources have programmed for scientific and economic cooperation with several countries such as the USA and China, who have similar problems, to exchange experts and share experiences with a view to tide over the difficulties arising from the recurrence of floods. The UNDP is also assisting the Central Water Commission to set up a flood forecasting system for the river Yamuna.

Documentary on harmful effects of smoking

2622. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to produce documentary films to educate people against the harmful effects of smoking;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to impose restrictions on advertisements for cigarettes in newspapers or through banners and boards;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Films Division produced a film in 1981 named "The decision is yours". The film establishes the fact that smoking is one of the chief causes of cancer and exhorts the people to give up the habit of smoking for good. In 1978 Films Division accepted a donated film titled "Tobacco habits and oral cancer" depicting how oral cancer is contacted by regular tobacco chewing and smoking. The Division also produced in 1980 the documentary "Conquest of Cancer" dealing with the symptoms of cancer and preventive measures in initial stages. These films are for theatrical exhibition throughout the country.

(c) and (d) According to the Code for commercial broadcasting over All India Radio and Code for commercial advertisement on Doordarshan, advertisements on cigarettes and tobacco products are not permitted over All India Radio and Doordarshan. As far as advertisements in newspapers or banners and boards on cigarettes are concerned, they are not under the control of the Government. However, these advertisements are also obliged to carry the statutory warning "Smoking is injurious to health", under the provisions of the Cigarette (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975.

(e) Does not arise.

Pending irrigation projects

2623. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of irrigation projects—major or medium which are still pending with the Ministry due to their not being cleared by the department of Environment and Forests;

(b) the time since when these are pending; and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear the projects at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARAND): (a) to (c) The projects which are awiting their techno-economic viability.

angles are given in the statment. Most of them are under scrutiny in the Central Water Commission with regard to theri techno-economic viability.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Date of Reference
1	2	3
	Andhra Pradesh	
1	Yeleru	May, 1980
2	Polavaram (Right Canal Main)	March, 1983
3	Polavaram (Dam & left canal)	April, 1983
4	Vamsadhara Stage-II	May, 1983
5	Sriramsagar Revised Stage-I	July, 1983
6	Telugu Ganga Project	December, 1983
7	Srisailam left Bank Canal	February, 1985
8	Srisailam RBC	July, 1985
9	Jurala Project	October, 1985
	Bihar	
1	Upper Sakri Reservio	October, 1979
2	Masan	October, 1980
3	Subernarekha Multipurpose	August, 1984
4	Kanhar Reservior at Baradih	December, 1984
	Gujarat	
1	Sardar Sarovar Project	February, 1980
	Jammu & Kashmir	
1	Multi-development of Suran River Stage-I	May, 1983
	Karnataka	
1	Bhima Irrigation Project	July, 1982
2	Hippargi Project	October, 1985
	Madhya Pradesh	
1	Thanwar Tank	September, 1980
2	Pench Diversion	May, 1981
3	Ken Multipurpose	October, 1982

1	2	3
4	Narmada Sagar	February, 1983
5	Omkareshwar Multipurpose Irrigation Project	January, 1984
6	Mahan Medium Project	August, 1984
7	Bargi Multipurpose	September, 1984
8	Bah Irrigation	September, 1985
Maharashtra		
1	Andhari	May, 1983
2	Pinjal	September, 1983
3	Human	January, 1984
4	Satti	January, 1984
5	Bembla	March, 1984
6	Lendi	April, 1984
7	Upper Tapi Stage-II	January, 1985
8	Bhatsa	April, 1985
Orissa		
1	Ib	May, 1979
2	Ong	June, 1982
3	Lower Indra	January, 1983
4	Lower Suktel	December, 1984
5	Badanalla Medium Irrigation	Janruary, 1983
Rajasthan		
1	Bisalpur (Banas) Irrigation	January, 1982
Tamil Nadu		
1	Modernisation of Cauvery Delta Phase-I	February, 1985
2	Krishna Water Supply to Madras	July, 1985
Uttar Pradesh		
1	Kishau Dam	February, 1979
2	Maudaha Dam	March, 1979
3	Chittaurgarh Reservior	March , 1981
4	Arjun Sahayak Priyojna	April, 1982
5	Baghain Dam	January, 1983
6	Panchnad Dam	June, 1983
7	UP Composite Scheme Modernisation of Upper Ganga Canala	March, 1984

1	2	3
West Bengal		
1	Upper Kangsabati Reservior	April, 1980
2	Modernisation of Kangsabati Reservior	June, 1983
Union Territories :		
Arunachal Pradesh		
1	Dehang Dam	July, 1984
2	Subansiri Dam	July, 1984

Steps taken for the welfare of the Blind

2624. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken for the welfare of the blind during the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(b) what instruments have been imported for the blind as an aid for reading and for other requirements; and

(c) whether there is any programme for manufacture of such aids in our country; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Government of India have taken the following steps for the welfare of the blind during the year 1982-83, 1983-84 & 1984-85;

Employment

1. 3 per cent vacancies in Central Government and Central Public Sector-Undertakings in Group 'C' and 'D' posts have been reserved for the physically handicapped of which 1 per cent is for the blind persons. According to information received, the number of blind persons appointed in group 'C' and 'D' in Central Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings is as under:—

	Ministries/Departments		Public Sector Undertakings	
	C	D	C	D
1982	20	35	52	40
1983	31	63	26	18
1984	34	26	54	10

2. Jobs which can be performed by blind persons without loss of efficiency have also been identified. 120 different categories of jobs have been identified as suitable for the blind out of a total of about 1100 categories suitable for the handicapped.

3. Age relaxation upto 10 years is available for appointment to posts in Group 'C' and 'D'.

4. Government of India has set up a Central Advisory Committee on Employment under the Chairmanship of Secretary